

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-7 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2005/080510.

Please add new claims 8-16 as indicated in the listing of claims below.


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (new): A contactor comprising:

- an electromagnetic operating mechanism having a solenoid coil;
- a plurality of main contacts;
- a plurality of main terminals;
- a plurality of control terminals connectable to the solenoid coil;
- a plurality of control sockets connected to the solenoid coil;
- a main housing having a housing front and including a lower housing part at least partially accommodating the electromagnetic operating mechanism and the control sockets, and an upper housing part accommodating the main contacts and the main terminals, the upper housing part having main terminal sides defined by main terminal openings to the main terminals and a housing side extending perpendicular to the housing front and the main terminal sides, the upper housing part being set back on the housing side so as to form a step recess;
- a connection module containing the control terminals and having control terminal openings defining respective control terminal sides of the control terminals, the control terminal sides extending parallel to the main terminal sides of the upper housing part, the connection module further having front operating openings to the control terminals configured to be accessed by tools in a direction perpendicular to the housing front, the connection module configured to mount on the

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Claim 15 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 9, wherein the cover element includes a plurality of insertion openings and wherein each of the control terminals includes an extension portion having a socket-like opening disposed in alignment a respective insertion opening.

Claim 16 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 15, wherein the insertion openings are configured to receive an add-on module.